

CARPETS,  
COTTAM & Co.,  
are showing  
TURKISH RUGS AND SQUARES.  
IRISH TABLE LINEN  
FRENCH BLANKETS,  
Very warm but not heavy.  
5, Piddon's St.

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THIRTY DOLLARS  
PER ANNUM.

## BANKS.

HONGKONG AND SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION.

PAID-UP ..... \$10,000,000  
RESERVE FUND ..... \$6,000,000  
RESERVE LIABILITY OF PROPRIETORS ..... \$10,000,000

COURT OF DIRECTORS :  
A. MC CONACHE, Esq.—Chairman.  
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MANAGER :  
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LONDON BANKERS—LONDON AND COUNTY BANKING COMPANY, LIMITED.  
HONGKONG—INTEREST ALLOWED  
On Current Account at the rate of 2 per Cent.,  
per Annum on the daily balance.

INTEREST ON FIXED DEPOSITS :  
For 3 months, 2½ per Cent. per Annum.  
For 6 months, 3 per Cent. per Annum.  
For 12 months, 4 per Cent. per Annum.  
T. JACKSON,  
Chief Manager,  
Hongkong, 9th December, 1896.

HONGKONG SAVINGS BANK.

THE Business of the above Bank is conducted by the HONGKONG AND SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION. Rules may be obtained on application.

INTEREST on deposits is allowed at 3½ per Cent. per annum.

Depositors may transfer at their option balances of \$100 or more to the HONGKONG AND SHANGHAI BANK to be placed on FIXED DEPOSIT at 4 per cent. per annum.

For the HONGKONG AND SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION,  
T. JACKSON,  
Chief Manager,  
Hongkong, 1st August, 1895.

THE CHARTERED BANK OF INDIA, AUSTRALIA AND CHINA.

INCORPORATED BY ROYAL CHARTER, 1853.  
HEAD OFFICE—LONDON.

CAPITAL PAID-UP ..... \$800,000  
RESERVE LIABILITY OF SHAREHOLDERS ..... \$800,000  
RESERVE FUND ..... \$300,000

INTEREST ALLOWED on CURRENT ACCOUNT at the Rate of a ½ per cent. per annum on the Daily Balance.

On Fixed Deposits for 12 months, 4 per cent.

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T. H. WHITEHEAD,  
Manager, Hongkong.

Hongkong, 19th October, 1895.

THE NATIONAL BANK OF CHINA, LIMITED.

Authorised Capital ..... \$1,000,000  
Subscribed Capital ..... \$500,000

HEAD OFFICE—HONGKONG.

Court of Directors—  
D. Gilkes, Esq., Chow Tung Shang, Esq.  
H. Stolterfoht, Esq., Kwan Ho Chuen, Esq.  
Chan Kit Shan, Esq.

Chief Manager,  
GEO. W. F. PLAYFAIR.

Interest for 12 months, 5 per Cent.  
Hongkong, 23rd October, 1895.

## Notice of Firms.

### NOTICE.

M. R. CARL WILHELM LONGUET has  
this DAY been admitted a PARTNER  
to our FIRM.

KRUSE & Co.,  
Hongkong, 1st January, 1897.

### NOTICE.

WE have THIS DAY admitted Mr.  
ABRAHAM JACOB RAYMOND a  
PARTNER in our FIRM in HONGKONG and  
SHANGHAI.

E. D. SASSOON & Co.,  
Hongkong, 1st January, 1897.

### NOTICE.

FOR SALE.  
THE CELEBRATED GUEDES "5 GRAVES" BRAND.

In cases of 1 doz. Bottles at \$24 per case.

Hongkong, 17th December, 1896.

### NOTICE.

THE CLUB HOTEL, 5, BUND, YOKOHAMA.

FIRST-CLASS HOTELS, centrally situated, well-furnished, the Cuisine under the Supervision of approved French Chef, has no equal. ENTIRE FOREIGN MANAGEMENT.

Experienced English matron is in attendance. The Hotel steam-launch with European Agent, attends arrivals and departures; every assistance given; clearing luggage and affording information. Passengers are met at the Railway Station.

VISITORS have the option of staying either in TOKYO or YOKOHAMA, without extra charge. THE ONLY HOTEL OFFERING SUCH AN ADVANTAGE. EUROPEAN HAIR DRESSED on the Premises.

Certified Guides are in attendance at both Hotels.

THE CLUB-HOTEL COMPANY, LIMITED, PROPRIETORS.

Dr. V. SIOEN, Manager,  
YOKOHAMA.

L. DEWETTE, Manager,  
YOKOHAMA.

## INSURANCES.

### THE STANDARD LIFE ASSURANCE COMPANY

has a long record of GOOD SERVICES to refer to; its FUNDS, annually increasing, amount to \$8,086,402 Stg. The premiums are moderate; and all modern features consistent with safety have been adopted.

For Particulars and Rates,  
Apply to

DODWELL, CARLILL & Co.,  
Agents,  
Hongkong, and March, 1895.

ESTABLISHED A.D. 1884.

CAPITAL ..... \$2,000,000

TOTAL FUNDS AND SECURITY ..... \$3,86,053

NET ANNUAL FIRE PREMIUM ..... \$75,470

HAVING been appointed AGENTS of the above Company we are prepared to accept EUROPEAN and CHINESE RISKS at CURRENT RATES.

HOLIDAY WISE & Co., Agents,

Hongkong, and January, 1897.

NORTH GERMAN FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY OF HAMBURG.

THE Undersigned AGENTS of the above Company are prepared to accept First Class FOREIGN and CHINESE RISKS at CURRENT RATES.

SIEMSSSEN & Co.,

Hongkong, 28th May, 1895.

GENERAL NOTICE.

THE ON TAI INSURANCE COMPANY, LIMITED.

CAPITAL, TAELS 600,000

EQUAL TO \$313,333-33

RESERVE FUND ..... \$318,000.00

BOARD OF DIRECTORS.

LEE SING, Esq., LO YEEU MOON, Esq.

LOU TSO SHUW, Esq.

MANAGER—HO AMEL.

MARINE RISKS on GOODS, &c., taken at CURRENT RATES to all parts of the World.

HEAD OFFICE, 8 & 9, PRAYA WEST.

Hongkong, 1st December, 1896.

NOTICE.

THE MAN ON INSURANCE COMPANY, LIMITED.

CAPITAL SUBSCRIBED ..... \$1,000,000

The above Company is prepared to accept MARINE RISKS at CURRENT RATES on Goods, &c., Policies granted to all Parts of the world payable at any of its Agencies.

CHAU TSEUNG PAT, Secretary.

HEAD OFFICE,

No. 2, QUEEN'S ROAD WEST.

Hongkong, 1st December, 1896.

NOTICE.

KUHN & KOMOR, JAPANESE FINE ART CURIOS,

21 & 23, QUEEN'S ROAD, HONGKONG,

35, WATER STREET, YOKOHAMA

and 36, DIVISION STREET, KORE.

CHRISTMAS PRESENTS.

Suitable XMAS XMAS AND NEW YEAR PRESENTS.

JUST ARRIVED.

A N Immense Assortment of the best

ENGLISH and FRENCH general JEWELLERY.

WATCHES AND FANCY GOODS.

PRICES Moderate.

LEVY HERMANOS,

Opposite Telegraph Office.

Hongkong, 11th December, 1896.

NOTICE.

CARBOLINEUM A VENARIUS USED FOR 20 YEARS.

WITH THE Utmost Success.

Thoroughly reliable preservative for Wood and Stone against White Ants, Decay, Fungus and Dampness.

Sells Agents for China.

SCHERLE & Co.

Hongkong, 11th May, 1896.

NOTICE.

LANE, CRAWFORD & CO., SHIPCHANDLERS,

DECK AND ENGINE-ROOM STORES OF ALL KINDS.

HUBBUCK'S FIRST QUALITY PAINTS AND OILS.

SIR CHAS. PRICE'S ENGINE AND CYLINDER OILS.

EAGLEBERTS CYLINDER OIL.

INTERNATIONAL ANTIPOULING COMPOSITION FOR SHIPS BOTTOMS.

This Composition has been Supplied to all the Navies of the World and all the principal Steamship Companies.

INNUMERABLE TESTIMONIALS.

FRESH WATER SUPPLIED.

CALL FLAG "R."

Hongkong, 11th November, 1896.

NOTICE.

W. POWELL & CO.

GENT'S DRESS SHIRTS—Wide Fronts.

NEWEST SHAPES in COLLARS.

DRESS TIES.

DANCING PUMPS.

WHITE KID GLOVES—EVERY SIZE.

Hongkong, 2nd January, 1897.

NOTICE.

CALDBECK, MACGREGOR & CO.,

WINE and SPIRIT MERCHANTS.

ESTABLISHED 1864.

HONGKONG ..... 11, QUEEN'S ROAD.

SHANGHAI ..... 4, FOOCHEW ROAD.

LONDON ..... 1, 2 & 3, RABSON STREET, CHURCHILL PLACE.

GLASGOW ..... 57, KNOCK'S SQUARE.

ESTD. 1864.

AGENCIES—

AMOY, CANTON, FOOCHEW, CHEFOO, HANKOW, SINGAPORE,

TIENTIN, TAIWANPOO, MAGRASS, and KORE.

Hongkong, 5th December, 1896.

NOTICE.

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Today's  
Advertisements.

ELITE SKATING RINK,  
DUDDLE STREET.

TO-NIGHT AND EVERY EVENING.

PRICES:—Skates and Admission ..... \$1.00  
Admission ..... 50

TO-MORROW (THURSDAY), 7th January.  
A HORIZONTAL BAR COMPETITION  
for a Handsome GOLD MEDAL.

SATURDAY, 9th January.  
A LIGHT WEIGHT BOXING COMPETITION  
for a SILVER CUP, presented by  
a local Gentleman.

SATURDAY, 16th January.  
A GRAND MILITARY CONCERT will be  
given by the West York's Brass Band and Pipe  
Band. To conclude with a Grand Finale.  
British Army Quadrille.

The Band will be in attendance on Special  
Nights.

Admission—\$1.00.  
SAM MARM,  
Proprietor.

Hongkong, 4th January, 1897. [6]

BRITISH KOWLOON COLLEGE.

A PUBLIC MEETING of KOWLOON RESI-  
DENTS will be held at the KOWLOON  
HOTEL TO-MORROW (THURSDAY) EVEN-  
ING, the 7th January, at 6 P.M., to receive a  
report from the Committee and to take any  
action thereon that may command their to the  
Meeting.

H. S. COOKE,  
Hon. Secretary.

Hongkong, 6th January, 1897. [93]

HONGKONG JOCKEY CLUB.

NOTICE.

MEMBERS who wish to have ACCOM-  
MODATION during the forthcoming  
RACE MEETING in the BUILDINGS being  
erected in the ENCLOSURE are requested to  
apply in Writing to the Undermentioned on or  
before SATURDAY next, the 9th instant.

By Order,  
T. F. HOUGH,  
Clerk of the Course.

Hongkong, 6th January, 1897. [91]

FOR SHANGHAI.

"LOONGMOON,"  
Captain F. W. Schools, will be despatched for  
the above Port on SATURDAY, the 9th instant,  
at 4 P.M.

For Freight or Passage, apply to  
SIEMSEN & CO.  
Hongkong, 6th January, 1897. [92]

FOR NEW YORK.  
THE 3/4 A. L. I. American Ship  
"BENJAMIN SEWALL,"

Master, shortly expected from Shanghai,  
will load here and will be despatched by end of  
February.

For Freight, apply to  
CARLOWITZ & CO.  
Hongkong, 6th January, 1897. [95]

Intimations.

DAKIN, CRUCKSHANK &  
COMPANY, LIMITED,  
VICTORIA DISPENSARY,  
HONGKONG.

AERATED WATERS.

SIMPLY AERATED WATER.  
SODA WATER.

LEMONADE.

GINGER ALE.  
SARSAPARILLA.

RASPBERRYADE, &c.

DAKIN, CRUCKSHANK & CO.'S WATERS are  
made under the constant supervision of a duly  
qualified English Chemist and will bear compa-  
rison with the best English Manufacture.

Special terms to HOTELS, CLUBS, MESSRS and  
other Large Consumers.

Any complaints should be addressed to the  
Manager.

Hongkong, 4th May 1897. [147]

NOTICES TO CORRESPONDENTS.

It is requested that all communications relating to Advertisements, &c., be addressed to the "Manager, Hongkong Telegraph," and not to the "Editor."

Letters on Editorial matters to be sent to "The Editor," and not to individual members of the staff.

Communications intended for publication must be accompanied by the name and address of the writer, not necessarily for publication; but as evidence of good faith.

With the column of the "Hongkong Telegraph" will always  
be open for the discussion by correspondents of all questions  
affecting the Colony, it must be distinctly understood that  
the Editor does not in any way hold himself responsible for  
opinions thus expressed.

TO ADVERTISERS.

Advertisers are requested to forward all notices intended for  
insertion in that day's paper not later than Three O'clock so as  
not to retard the early publication of the paper.

Advertisements and Descriptions which are not paid for in  
full period will be continued until compensated.

The "Hongkong Telegraph" has the largest circulation of any  
newspaper in the Colony, and is the natural and  
best medium for Advertisers. Terms can be learnt on application.

The Hongkong Telegraph's reader is the Chinese General  
Population.

Intimation.

A. S. WATSON & CO.,  
LIMITED.

ESTABLISHED A.D. 1841.

WINEs  
AND  
SPIRITS.

ALL these are selected by our London House,  
bought direct at first hand, imported in wood  
and bottled by ourselves, thus saving all inter-  
mediate profits, and enabling us to supply the  
best growths at MODERATE PRICES.

PRICE LISTS, with Full Details, to be had on  
Application.

PORT after removal should be rested a month  
before use. When required for drinking at  
once it should be ordered to be decanted at  
the DISPENSARY before being sent out.

SHERRY.—Excellent Dinner and After Dinner  
Wines of very superior Vintages. All are  
true Xeres Wines.

CLARET.—Our Claret, including the lowest  
Priced, are guaranteed to be the genuine  
product of the juice of the grape and are not  
artificially made from raisins and currants,  
as is generally the case with Cheap Wines.

BRANDY.—All our Brandy is guaranteed to be  
pure COGNAC, the difference in price being  
merely a question of age and vintage.

WHISKEY.—All our Whiskey is of excellent  
quality and of greater age than most brands  
in the market. The SCOTCH WHISKEY  
marked "E" is universally popular, and is  
pronounced by the best local connoisseurs  
to be superior to any other brand in the  
Hongkong market.

We only guarantee our WINES and SPIRITS  
to be genuine when bought direct from us in the  
Colony or from our authorised Agents at the  
Coast Ports.

A. S. WATSON & CO., LTD.  
THE HONGKONG DISPENSARY.  
Hongkong, 15th September. [6]

The Hongkong Telegraph

HONGKONG, WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 6, 1897.

THE CRISIS IN INDIA.

What is to become of Bombay? Every-  
thing seems to be going from bad to  
worse in that far-famed Indian city owing  
to the lack of prompt and efficient mea-  
sures to combat the plague. The Indian  
mail to-day brought very gloomy accounts  
of the ravages of famine and pestilence in  
the North-West Provinces and especially in  
Bombay, and private telegraphic  
advice received here yesterday and to-day  
are to the effect that the plague epidemic  
has assumed very alarming proportions;  
the citizens are panic stricken and upwards  
of 350,000 out of a total population  
of 840,000 have fled from the city, and the  
stampede still continues because the death-  
roll indicates that the mortality among all  
classes of the community is greater than  
ever before. Is this state of affairs to be  
wondered at? We think not, for we find  
a letter in a recent issue of the *Times of India*  
protesting against a system of  
sanitation which it is claimed, and rightly  
claimed, is opposed to reason and com-  
mon sense. Difficult as it may be to  
believe such folly, yet it is a fact  
that during the epidemic hundreds of the  
victims of this terribly fatal disease have  
been buried in the heart of the city of  
Bombay and are still being buried  
there, and the correspondent of the  
*Times of India* therefore asks whether  
the people of Bombay are not certain to  
reap a plague crop by sowing the plague  
seed in their midst? We are sadly afraid  
that Bombay is now reaping a very rich  
harvest from the deliberate sowing of  
what the correspondent aptly styles  
"plague seed," and that the end of the  
crisis is yet a great way off, as anyone  
who remembers our bitter experience  
here in 1894, and the drastic measures so  
successfully applied to suppress the epidemic,  
can well believe when assured by the  
*Times of India* that in truth victims of the  
plague are actually being buried in the  
heart of the city of Bombay. What madness!  
What suicidal folly! Think what  
the inevitable result would have been of  
burying hundreds of victims of the plague  
in the heart of the city of Victoria in 1894!  
Think, too, of the shortsightedness, the  
well-nigh criminal folly of the Health  
Officer of the port of Bombay, who con-  
tend that a violation of the most  
elementary principles of sanitary science,  
knowing that in respect to at least one of  
the burying grounds it is surrounded by  
tenements densely packed with human  
beings, and that the so-called cemetery is  
so small and so full of graves that

"bodies are buried upon bodies in  
heaps!" If such a mode of disposing  
of the dead be permitted much  
longer, not only will it be in the highest  
degree discreditable to the Government of  
India, but, in view of the imminent risk of  
the pestilence spreading westward—it has  
already reached Kurrachee—Government  
will only have itself to blame if a hue and  
cry is raised in Europe that will make for  
complications of a nature which it should  
be our earnest endeavour to avoid by  
every means in our power.

We are afraid this rapid spread of  
the plague in India, this enormous  
exodus of citizens, this shocking crisis,  
is but another exemplification of the  
truth of the adage "too many cooks  
spoil the broth." It has been painfully  
evident from the first that there is lacking  
in Bombay a "strong man" armed  
with the necessary authority to deal an  
effective blow at the insidious foe within  
its gates. Responsibility is divided and  
what is everybody's business is, as usual,  
no man's business. The result is before  
us—upwards of 100 cases of plague daily,  
appalling mortality, the once busy city  
in great measure deserted, the value of  
house property fallen to zero, the  
Stock Exchange closed three days a  
week, the outlook gloomy in the extreme!  
We are sorry for Bombay. While we  
wish the Municipality a happy issue out  
of its serious difficulties we are bound  
to confess that it seems like hoping against  
hope, for present prospects cannot be  
considered as favouring any hope of  
improvement in the immediate future.

They are reaping that which they have  
sown, and in their blind conceit and  
foolish reluctance to break asunder the  
blighting bonds of red-tapeism, have failed  
to take every possible advantage of the  
terrible experiences of Hongkong in 1894.  
It is to be feared that unless the Govern-  
ment of India mends its ways speedily,  
what with pestilence and famine rampant  
throughout the land, and discontented  
people crying aloud for reforms that are  
never conceded, however greatly needed,  
dark days are in store for our Indian  
Empire.

The situation unfortunately  
furnishes cause for grave anxiety and we  
should be guilty of failure in doing our  
duty were we to bark the truth at this critical period in the  
history of the glorious heritage which has  
been left to us by our ancestors, who fell in  
the gallant struggles that resulted in India  
being added to the appendages of the  
British Crown. May it ever remain  
the pride of our Rulers, the prosperous  
home of upwards of two hundred millions  
of loyal and peace-loving people, devoted  
alike to their homes and to the  
beneficent Sovereign whose proud boast it  
may rightly be that she rules over the  
greatest, most powerful, most heterogeneous  
and most wealthy Empire the world  
has yet known. But if this is to be so the  
welfare of the masses must be considered  
and, wherever necessary, laws should be  
enforced having for their object the protection  
of the individual rather than the  
fostering of the vested interests of certain  
classes. It must be confessed, we fear,  
that hitherto there has been a superabundance  
of class legislation in India, and that  
the protection of the masses has not  
been given as much thought as past  
experience indicates as being desirable  
as it is necessary in respect of all densely  
populated states. It is for the strong arm  
of the law to do for the people that which  
they cannot do for themselves. Has it  
invariably done so in India? We fear not.

The present crisis appears to indicate  
that the blind confidence of the people has  
been misplaced in great measure, that the  
Executive has foolishly countenanced  
in matters sanitary a policy of drift and  
taken comfort unto itself in the assurance  
that "sufficient unto the day is the evil  
thereof." Would that it were possible to  
think otherwise, but facts forbid it. Let us  
hope that the Government of India  
will not be slow to take warning from  
the ripples on the surface which now show  
how the depths are surging below.

REUTER'S MESSAGES.

STRIKE OF MARINE ENGINEERS  
IN AUSTRALIA.

LONDON, January 4th.  
The Marine Engineers throughout Australia  
struck work, the shipowners having refused to  
accept Union rules (7 rates). One hundred  
steamers are lying idle in the ports.

THE ROYAL NIGER COMPANY'S  
EXPEDITION.

An immediate advance of the Royal Niger  
Company's expedition is expected. The objective  
has not been divulged.

LOCAL AND GENERAL.

THE *Boys* will leave for Europe at 9 a.m.  
to-morrow.

THE Portuguese gunboat *Duas* left for Macao this  
morning.

A LARGE number of street obstructions were  
found at the Magistracy to-day.

Mr. HOWARD'S W. Y. Eleven was defeated  
in the football match yesterday with the Hong-  
kong Foot Club by two goals to one.

CHAN HO lifted his anchor to leave Yau-tai-  
tai's prohibited hours and has to swell the revenue  
by \$2 or give six weeks' labour gratis.

Now awaiting Lee Ping, Li Fai Cook was  
defeated in \$5 or four days and has to pay for  
compensation at "go up" for 10 days.

Our arrival at Singapore from Hongkong  
December and the steamer *Samoa* will quay  
third, there being a case of smallpox on board.

In the football match Colts v. 35th Co. R.A.  
resulted this afternoon in a tie—one goal all.

THE residents of Kowloon will hold a public  
meeting to-morrow evening to consider the ques-  
tion of reopening the British Kowloon College.

CHAN NING hankered for a bottle of soda water  
and he lifted one from the stock of Ng Min. His  
thirst necessitated a seclusion of three days.

THE late Baron Hirsch's splendid mansion at the  
corner of the Avenue Gabriel and the Rue de  
L'Yvette, Paris, has been offered for sale, for  
£300,000.

THE bluejackets from the Fleet landed for drill  
at Happy Valley this morning to the number of  
about 200. The Marines land for drill  
to-morrow.

ILLEGITIMATE opium-holders figured strongly before  
the bar to-day and suffered fines of from \$10  
to \$25 with the usual alternatives for their  
"graciousness."

A CHINAMAN was at the Magistracy to-day fined  
\$10 or a month's "hard" for removing a dead  
body without the permission of the Sanitary  
Board's Secretary.

WE learn that, with the permission of the Com-  
mandant, the Hongkong Volunteer Corps dance  
will be held at the City Hall on Friday, the 5th  
instant, at 9 p.m.

THE "military mutiny" is all right if only a few  
more gambling raids like that of yesterday are  
made. No less than 22 Chinese in one batch  
were to-day fined \$7, the alternative being 28  
days.

COMMANDER PELLY, of H.M.S. *Porpoise*, has  
been promoted to the rank of Captain, Engineer  
Wm. W. Whayman has been appointed to  
the *Immortalite*, and Probationary Assistant  
Engineer H. Giles to the *Grafton*.

CHUNG YIN, an employ of Watkins & Co.,  
embossed \$516 received by him for the firm.

He was sent to the Magistracy to-day to be  
questioned about the disappearance of

the \$516.

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fallen from grace in the person of Joseph ALI,  
who to-day received six weeks' hard labour for  
stealing 50 cents worth of Government  
leather. The office joker says he did not know  
where to hide it.

THE cup for light weight boxing to be presented  
at the Skating Rink on Saturday night is the  
gift of Inspector Quincey, and is as pretty a  
piece as any amateur "dame" could wish  
to grace his sideboard with after a well fought  
and friendly "turn-up."

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THE NAVY ESTIMATES.

THE ACTION OF THE NAVY LEAGUE.

We are glad to learn that the local branch of the Navy League has taken up the question of the Navy Estimates in the manner suggested by the Secretary to the Executive Committee of the League, and is circulating the following with a view of obtaining a definite expression of opinion on the subject:—

The Committee of the Head Office of the Navy League in London considers it most important that an emphatic expression of opinion should come from the British Residents in this colony urging the Home Government to lay open the table of the House of Commons, next March, such Naval Estimates as shall be adequate to the needs of our Empire. The Committee of the Hongkong Branch of the Navy League has accordingly drawn up the following expression of opinion and calls upon all British subjects to sign the same. The appended extract sufficiently show the necessity which exists for earnestly protesting against the contemplated decrease in the Navy Estimates.

HENRY E. POLLOCK,  
Hon. Secretary,  
Navy League, Hongkong Branch.

January, 1897.

EXPRESSION OF OPINION.

We the undersigned British residents in the Colony of Hongkong, having regard to the recent Admiralty Return of Comparative Naval Strength, with apprehension the alleged intention of the Admiralty to omit provision for the construction of new battleships from the forthcoming Naval Estimates, and therefore urge on Her Majesty's Government the necessity of taking such steps as will effectively maintain the predominance of the British Fleet as regards battleships and officers and men.

[The extract is referred to appear in another part of this issue.]

AMONG AUTUMN RACE MEETING.

Stewards:—T. M. B. w. d., Esq.; R. H. Bruce, Esq.; F. Cass, Esq.; Dr. McDougal; F. B. Marshall, Esq.; Aug. Fleib, Esq., and H. P. White, Esq.

FIRST DAY, WEDNESDAY, 6TH JANUARY. CONSULAR CUP: presented; value \$100; for all China ponies; weight as per scale; entrance \$5. Seven furlongs.

Timor:—  
Congo ..... 2  
Field Marshall ..... 3  
Time, 1 min. 55 sec.

TRAIL STAKES: of \$10 each with \$100 added; a forced entry for Amoy subscribers griffins of this session; first pony to receive 70 per cent., second 20 per cent., and third 10 per cent., weights as per scale. Three-quarters of a mile.

Provost Marshal ..... 1  
Oom Paul ..... 2  
Dr. Jim ..... 3  
Time, 1 min. 39 sec.

RACING STAKES: of \$10 each with \$100 added; first pony to receive 75 per cent., second as per cent.; for all China ponies griffins at date of entry allowed 5 lbs.; weights as per scale. One mile and a half.

Sabah ..... 1  
Kilroy ..... 2  
Every Awkies ..... 3  
Time, 1 min. 28 sec.

SIR LO FENG LUH AND THE TIENSIN COMMUNITY.

His Excellency Sir Chih Chen Lo Feng Luh, Envoy Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary to the Court of St James, has maintained for years very friendly relations with the foreign community of Tientsin and before leaving the northern port on his way to England, via Foochow, where he is now staying, he issued the following farewell address to his friends at Tientsin:—

"Gentlemen, in taking departure from a company among whom I have resided for the last eighteen years, I find it impossible to conceal my true feelings and to refrain from expressing my highest esteem and appreciation of their best qualities as fellow-residents, colleagues, and friends.

"Their bread-and-butter and true Confucianism (if I might be allowed to call it so, for it is the highest honour I can bestow upon my most worthy friends) surpass my power of expression. I felt highly flattered when I was first elected, without any hint or suggestion from my party, as a member of the Tientsin Municipal Library and of the Literary and Debating Society, from which institutions I derived a regular supply of mental food, and to which I am indebted for my knowledge of foreign politics and European literature.

"As colleagues, in spite of the conflicts of Government's interests and official duties, I am glad to say that I have always enjoyed perfect harmony with them; in a few exceptional cases we had some slight differences in the commencement, but after a thorough examination of truth best understanding was arrived at in the end.

"When I was strongly but unjustly attacked by those-called Censors, consular letters poured into Peking from my Tientsin foreign friends. They had, I need not say, the most soothing and encouraging effect upon my mind. Friends in need are friends indeed! On the return from our World tour, under my former distinguished Chief, the author of several editorials in the *Peking and Tientsin Times* has brought to the minds of my eyes my most grateful thanks for the time of my stay.

"I need not mention that the realization of their wishes has doubled my gratitude, which I can only repay by serving my august Master most faithfully and loyally for the benefit of the countries concerned.

"Gentlemen, I hope that the Tientsin community will continue to prosper, and when I return from my mission I trust that I may find myself a more useful member to them than I have hitherto been. Adieu!"

MEMORANDA.

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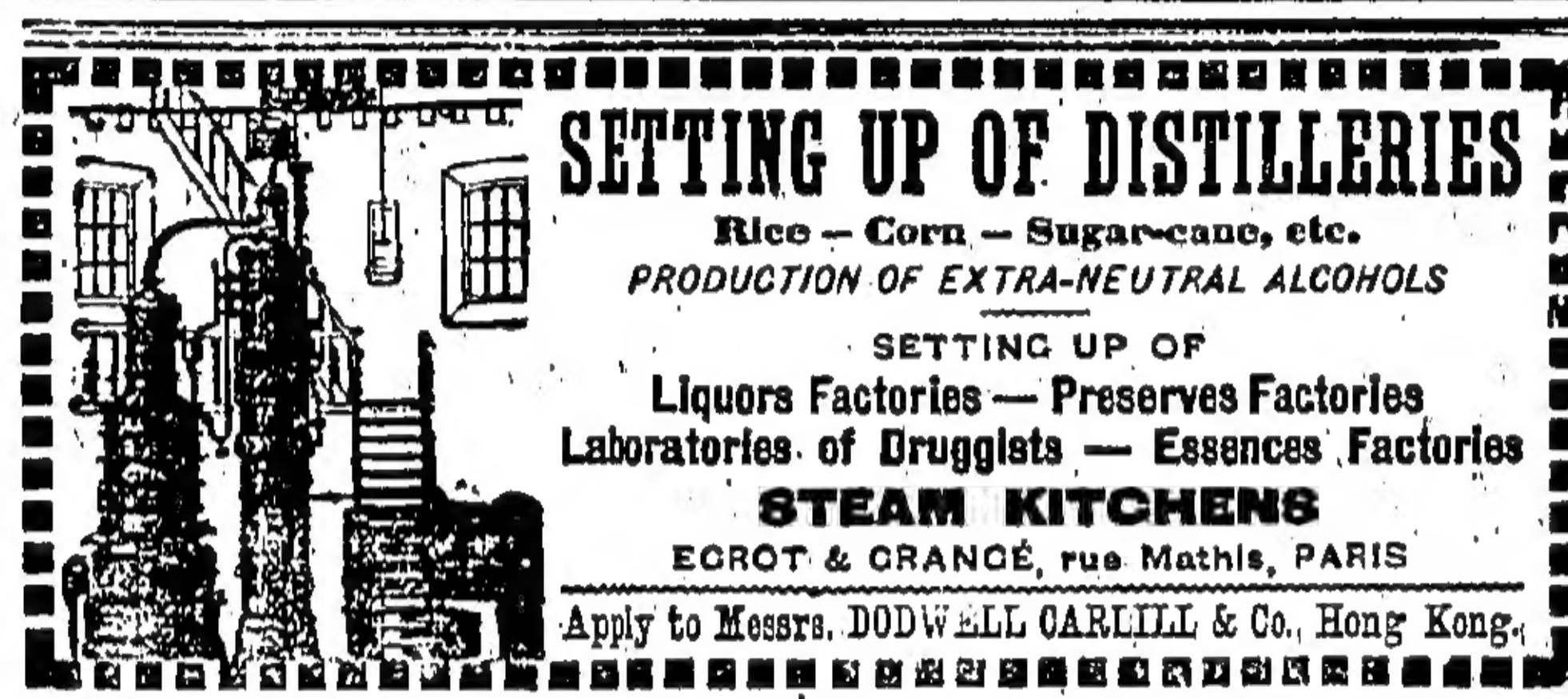
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